(c) if so, by when the policy is likely to be formulated and announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) A three day International Workshop on Integrated Water Management was held on 21—23 June, 2001 at Bangalore. The important outcomes of the workshop are: to provide opportunities for an open dialogue among water planners and managers and communities in attempting to manage water resources; to share successful water resources management experiences and technologies for dissemination of information; capacity building for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM); to define strategies for the future to be taken by governments, academics and NGOs towards sustainable and integrated water resources management planning and action; and sustainable action projects implementing principles of IWRM.

(b) and (c) The National Water Policy has been adopted in September, 1987 by the National Water Resources Council (NWRC) headed by the Prime Minister with Chief Ministers of all the States, Chief Ministers/Administrators of Union Territories and Union Ministers of water related Ministries as members.

Cleaning of Canals

†1084. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the canals in the country which are more than hundred kilometers in length;

(b) the number of such canals out of them which are cleaned on a regular basis and the number of canals that are of no use;

(c) the number of canals out of them which can be used for water-transportation; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Upto

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

the end of the 8th Five Year Plan 198 major irrigation/multipurpose projects have been completed and 171 major projects are under construction. Most of these projects have canal systems more than 100 km in length.

(b) Irrigation being a State subject, the primary responsibility for maintenance of canal rests with the State Governments. Grants for maintenance of canals including desilting is provided accordingly by the State Government.

(c) The National Transport Policy Committee Report (1980) has idenfitied 485 kms of canals as navigable by mechanized craft. The Inland Waterways Authority of India has conducted techno economic feasibility studies for the 136 km length of Damodar Valley Canals.

(d) Use of canals for water transportation depends on several technical factors and availability of resources.

Clearance of Ichampalli Project

1085. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government approached for early clearance of the Ichampalli Project; and

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKARAVARTY): (a) The detailed project report with updated cost and concurrence of Government of Maharashtra and Government of Chhattisgarh for submergence has not yet been submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) To resolve the inter-State issues involved in the Inchampalli Multipurpose Project viz. submergence of land and displacement of population, the Central Water Commission constituted on 6th July 2000, a High Level Committee under the chairmanship of Member (WP&P) Central Water Commission with representatives from Government of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. The report, submitted by the Committee to the Ministry of Water Resources on 26.06.2001, has been forwarded to the 3 State Governments for their comments.